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1. U.S. Patent No. 284,496, dated September 1883, issued to Seymour;
2. U.S. Patent No. 2,236,833, dated April 1941, issued to Pell et al;
3. U.S. Patent No. 3,472,108, dated October 1969, issued to Vandersip;
4. U.S. Patent No. 3,857,313, dated December 1974, issued to Endo;
5. U.S. Patent No. 4,318,762, dated March 1982, issued to Meyer;

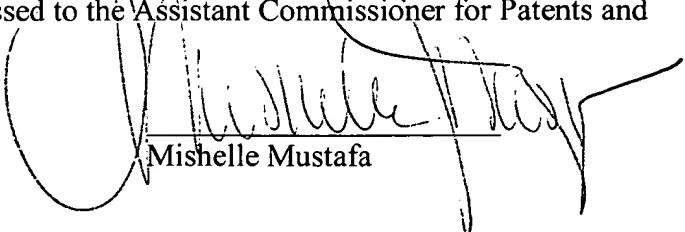
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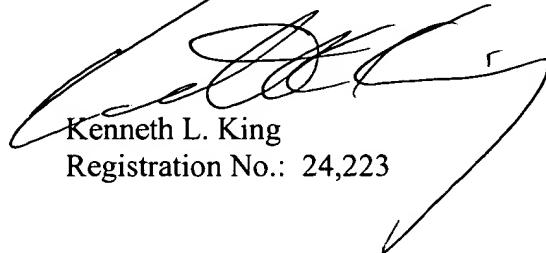

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6. U.S Patent No. 4,358,976, dated November 1982, issued to Alviti;
7. U.S. Paten No. 4,672,871, dated June 1987, issued to Gudmestad;
8. U.S. Patent No. 4,806,737, dated February 1989, issued to Coates;
9. U.S. Patent No. 4,942,796, dated July 1990, issued to Dom et al.;
10. U.S. Patent No. 5,156,788, dated October 1992, issued to Chesterfield et al.;
11. U.S. Patent No. 5,473,810, dated December 1995, issued to Demarest et al.;
12. U.S. Patent No. 3,611,551, dated October 1971, issued to Shave et al.;
13. U.S. Patent No. 3,811,244, dated May 1974, issued to Killen et al.;
14. U.S. Patent No. 3,972,214, dated August 1976, issued to Jagersberger;
15. U.S. Patent No. 3,980,177, dated September 1976, issued to McGregor;
16. U.S. Patent No. 4,722,384, dated February 1988, issued to Matsutani;
17. U.S. Patent No. 4,832,025, dated May 1989, issued to Coates;
18. U.S. Patent No. 5,438,746, dated August 1995, issued to Demarest et al.;
19. U.S. Patent No. 5,452,636, dated September 1995, issued to Rattan;
20. U.S. Patent No. 5,477,609, dated December 1995, issued to Demarest et al.;
21. U.S. Patent No. 5,485,668, dated January 1996, issued to Demarest et al.;
22. U.S. Patent No. 5,487,216, dated January 1996, issued to Demarest et al.;
23. U.S. Patent No. 4,922,904, dated May 1990, issued to Uetake et al.;
24. U.S. Patent No. 5,226,336, dated July 1993, issued to Coates; and
25. French Patent Application No. 2,400,984, dated April 27, 1979.

The above-cited references are not being submitted herewith. References 1-11 and 25 were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed November 24, 1998 and references 12-24 were previously cited by the Examiner in connection with parent application serial no. 08/804,478 filed February 21, 1997.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no petition, certification or fee is required.

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